

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A scaffolding system comprising:

a plurality of vertical posts;

~~one or more~~ a traveler ~~devices~~ device attached to and engaging one ~~or more~~ of the plurality of vertical posts; wherein the traveler device includes a drive gear configured for receiving a driver and a second gear engaging a complementary track on one of the vertical posts, wherein rotation of the drive gear rotates the second gear and moves the traveler device along the vertical post;

a platform mounted to the traveler ~~devices~~ device.

2. (Currently Amended) A scaffolding system according to claim 1, wherein ~~each~~ the traveler device comprises a gear and the vertical post comprises a complementary track, wherein rotation of the gear moves the traveler device along the vertical post.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A scaffolding system according to claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the traveler device comprises a driver engagement adapted to be operated with a tool.

5. (Currently Amended) A scaffolding system according to claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the drive gear comprises a worm gear.

6. (Currently Amended) A scaffolding system according to claim 1, further comprising a

brake device mounted to the platform and engaging the track.

7. (Currently Amended) A support apparatus, comprising:

a vertical post having a track;

a traveler device mounting to the post and having a drive assembly including a first gear engaging the track and an actuator with an engagement portion configured for engagement by an actuator tool, wherein activating the actuator rotates the first ~~rotation of the gear~~ and moves the traveler device along the post;

a support member attached to the traveler device.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A support apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a brake device on the support member engaging the track.

11. (Currently Amended) A support apparatus according to claim 7 10, wherein the brake device comprises a foot operated brake device.

12. (Currently Amended) A support system for scaffolding, comprising:

a plurality of vertical posts;

at least one ~~or more~~ traveler devices device mounted to one ~~or more~~ of the plurality of vertical posts and moving up and down the vertical ~~posts~~ post;

a support member adapted for supporting scaffolding on the traveler device;

a foot operated brake device mounted to the support member and engaging the vertical post.

13. (Original) A support system according to claim 12, wherein the traveler device comprises an input gear and drive gear.

14. (Currently Amended) A support system ~~according to claim 13~~ for scaffolding,
comprising:

a plurality of vertical posts;

a traveler device having an input gear and a drive gear, wherein the traveler device is
mounted to one of the plurality of vertical posts and moves up and down the vertical post; ,
wherein the input gear includes an engagement portion ~~at an input positioned~~ configured to
receive a driver at an oblique angle to vertical;

a support member adapted for supporting scaffolding on the traveler device.

15. (Canceled)

17. (Original) A support system according to claim 13, wherein the traveler device further comprises spacer rollers engaging the vertical post.

18. (Currently Amended) A support system for scaffolding, comprising:

two vertical posts, each of the vertical posts comprising a toothed track;

a traveler device mounted to each of the vertical posts and moving up and down the
vertical posts, the traveler device comprising a worm gear driving a sprocket gear engaging the
toothed track of the vertical post, wherein rotation of the worm gear drives the sprocket and
moves the traveler device along the vertical post;

~~a foot operated brake device; and~~

a support member attached to each traveler device and supporting a platform assembly;

and

a foot operated brake device mounted to the support member and engaging the toothed track.

19. (New) A support system for a platform, comprising:

a plurality of vertical posts;

a traveler device mounted to one of the plurality of vertical posts and moving up and down the vertical post, wherein the traveler device comprises a self-contained drive train configured for engagement by an actuator to actuate the drive train and move the traveler device along the vertical post;

a platform mounted to the traveler device.

20. (New) A support system according to claim 19, wherein the actuator comprises a hand held tool and wherein the drive train is configured for engaging the hand held tool.

21. (New) A support system according to claim 19, wherein the actuator is a portable device supported on and moving with the platform.